Father Christmas Tree Bear



No.9 needles - double ended and double knitting wool
Note - this is a rebel bear - he sews up down the side.
With black yarn for boots cast on 12 stitches
Foundation row - Purl
Row 1 Increase in each stitch knit wise by knitting into the loop below the loop on the needle, then knitting into the loop on the needle. = 24 stitches
This method minimises holes in your work which stuffing can show through.
Row 2 Knit

Change to red yarn for trousers ~ Rows 3 - 8 Stocking Stitch

Change to white yarn if you want a furry rim to his coat or to black if you want a belt
Row 9 Knit
Row 10 Knit

#If you want a belt and cuffs instead
Knit 3 in white - Knit 6 in black - knit 6 white -Knit 6 black - Knit 3 white

Change to red yarn for jacket
Rows 11 - 18 stocking stitch

Change to face colour Rows 19 - 24 Stocking stitch

Change to white yarn for fur trim

Row 19 Knit
Row 20 Purl

Change to red for hat
Row 21 Knit
Row 22 Purl
Row 23 Knit 1 knit 2 tog to end = 16 stitches

Row 24 Purl
Row 25 Knit 2 tog to end = 8 stitches
Change to white yarn for topknot
Row 26 kit 2 tog to end = 4 stitches
Row 27 Purl 1, purl 2 tog, Purl 1 = 3 stitches
Change to white wool for topknot
Knit 1 row. Without turning needles, pass yarn across back of work and knit another row. Repeat
Draw yarn through remaining stitches and pull tight.

Beard

Using white yarn
Cast on 2 stitches
Every row will be knit
Row 1 increase in each stitch as above = 4 stitches
Row 2 Increase in first stitch, knit 2 increase in last stitch = 6 stitches
Row 3 Increase in first stitch, Knit 4, increase in last stitch = 8 stitches
Rows 5 and 6 Knit
Working on first 6 stitches only -
Row 7 Inc in first stitch, Knit 3, knit 2 tog = 6 stitches
Row 8 Knit to last 2 stitches, knit 2 tog = 5 stitches
Row 9 knit
Row 10 knit
Row 11 knit 2 tog knit to end = 4 stitches
Row 12 Knit 1 Knit 2 tog = 3 stitches
Draw thread throw these stitches and secure

Attach yarn to other side of beard
Row 7 Knit 2 tog, Knit 3, inc in last stitch = 6 stitches
Row 8 Knit 2 tog, Knit to end
Row 9 Knit
Row 10 Knit
Row 11 Knit 3, Knit 2 tog =4 stitches
Row 12 Knit 2 tog, Knit 1 = 3 stitches
Draw thread through and secure.

Sew up the seam leaving a gap for stuffing and stuff firmly. Sew up the gap.

Embroider eyes.

Attach a scrap of yarn at the top for a hanger if required.